

LAKELAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2016

OFFICIAL RECORDED MINUTES OF LAKELAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Amy Williams, Council Member Evan Loenser, Council Member Jeri Ryan, Council Member Richard Glasgow, Council Member Joe Paiement

STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Josh Brekken, City Administrator/ Clerk Sandie Thone, Public Works Director Matt Kline, City Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki, City Engineer John Parotti

WORKSHIP: MIDS (Mike Isensee and Jay Michaels) 5:15 to 5:59 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Williams at 6:04 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.
3. ADOPTED AGENDA:
Motion; Council Member Ryan/Second; Council Member Loenser/Motion Passed 5-0
4. ADOPTED CONSENT AGENDA:
Motion; Council Member Ryan/Second; Council Member Loenser/Passed 5-0
 - A. Approval of January 19, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - B. Resolution 2016-05 Approving New Polling Place Location
 - C. Monthly List of Claims
 - D. City Treasurer's Report
5. AGENCY REPORTS
 - A. Washington County Sheriff's Report/Deputy Sullivan reported new addition to the Sheriff's Department, as another Sheriff is leaving to become a K9 Handler.
 - B. Fire Department Report/Fire Crew is training two new members.
 - C. Government Affairs Report/Mayor Williams referred to Consultant Mark Nagel's report. Mark Nagel and Mayor Williams met with Metropolitan Council on January 28th regarding Lakeland's Comprehensive Plan. The City of Lakeland is working with Hamline University Students on Comprehensive Plan Projects which will be reviewed during the March City Council meeting.
 - D. Animal Control Report/Mayor Williams referred to written report and coyote concerns throughout the city.
6. OPEN FORUM (Public Comments, Presentations and Petitions)
 - A. Washington County Presentation: County Road 18 and 8th Street Intersection – Assistant County Engineer Cory Slagel/Proposes City Council Workshop to discuss

the intersection options.

7. PUBLIC HEARING called to order by Mayor Williams at 6:54 p.m.
 - A. Stormwater Ordinance Incorporating Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS)

Mike Isensee (Administrator for the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization): The Middle St. Croix Watershed (north end of Stillwater to the south end of Afton) is a collection of 10 communities along the river who signed on to a Joint Powers Agreement. MIDS allows a process for water from small storm events to be soaked back into ground to keep it out of the river – this process is easier to implement at a local level. The WMO has met with many of the communities along the St. Croix, including Lakeland. The WMO worked with city staff, engineer and legal department to draft the ordinance.

Public was encouraged to speak

Gloria Phillips (569 Quixote Ave N): Inquired whether the Wisconsin side of the river is working on anything similar.

Mike Isenees: MIDS started in Minnesota and there are no requirements in Wisconsin from the state level for updating standards in erosion control but they are seeing the value of MIDS.

No additional public comments.

Mayor Williams closed Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

8. CITY BUSINESS
 - A. Stormwater Ordinance Incorporating Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS)

**Approve the Draft Stormwater Ordinance Incorporating MIDS
Motion; Council Member Glasgow/Second; Council Member Ryan/Passed 5-0**

Time Stamp: 37:29

**Move Item 8B (New City Hall) to the end of City Business
Motion; Council Member Ryan/Second; Council Member Loenser/Passed 5-0**

Time Stamp: 40:51

B. County Road 18 Median Maintenance

Public Works Director Kline discussed the responses of the Median Maintenance survey sent out with the February city newsletter. The survey eliminated the options of status quo - perennial landscaping and the concrete options. Out of 32 responses received, 12 preferred the Installation of native prairie grasses and 11 preferred the installation of small diameter trees.

C. Cable Commission

Central Valley Cable Commissions are raising their rates and Council Member Glasgow is requesting resident feedback. Council Member Glasgow's recommendation is to cancel the agreement, as technology has advanced and we can now watch cable television on our laptops and tablets. Council Member Ryan agreed that most cable channels can now be found online.

D. New City Hall

Grady Erickson (1003 Crest View Drive, Hudson WI): On behalf of Lakeland Plaza, LLC. Lakeland Plaza, LLC came up with two new proposals after cost was re-evaluated by the city. One proposal was for the northern most suite and another was for the southern suite. Grady Erickson addressed concerns of the condo process.

Brian Zeller/Former Lakeland Mayor (55 Lakeland Shores Drive): *Not present at meeting. Written comment was read into record at Council Member Glasgow's request in support of Lakeland Village to create a downtown for Lakeland. Building at the Lakeland Village will create a more centralized city location and will include all of what the city would like for a new city hall.

Additional written comments in support of both locations were received and are included in the original agenda packet.

Mort Newell (587 Quixote Ave): In favor of new city hall in Lakeland Village.

Chris White (311 Queenen Avenue South): In favor of new city hall at Water Department Location. The city already owns the land. It will create a location for all staff members to be together.

Jim Stanton (16549 10th Street Court South): In favor of the new city hall in Lakeland Village. Jim Stanton recieved over 100 petitions for residents in favor of the location of the new city hall at the Lakeland Plaza. The main reason residents

chose the Lakeland Village option was because of a centralized location for the community.

Mayor Williams believes that it is most important to have all staff members in one location on property the city owns, rather than having them in two separate locations. It would also reduce the amount of real estate that the city owns.

Council Member Ryan referred to the City of Lakeland's financial advisor and his suggestion that the city should combine staff at one location. Keeping all staff at the Water Utility building would be most efficient because the city already owns the building and the land, this would be the highest and best use of the land. The condo agreement at the Lakeland Village is not conducive for the city and will be problematic.

Gari Vander Vorst (Behalf of Erickson Family/Lakeland Plaza): Owners for the Plaza have invested in RFP, had two plans drawn up for the City of Lakeland to present.

Council Member Glasgow referred to the 100 petitions signed in favor of Lakeland Village, and none for the Water Utility Building. It is in the best interest of community members to build the new city hall at Lakeland Village, due to the central location of the building. All requirements are met at Lakeland Plaza compared to the Water Utility Building. It will be a cheaper option for the city and its residents.

Gloria Phillips (569 Quixote Ave N): Believes the Lakeland Village location would be in the best interest of community members with regards to elections. If the polling location is at Lakeland Plaza, more people who would show up for elections and be willing to vote, compared to elsewhere in the city.

Chris White (311 Queenan Ave S): The main reason that the 100 petitions were signed in favor of Lakeland Village was simply based on location and those residents did not necessarily have all of the information.

Bob Craggs/Former Mayor of Lakeland (16540 10th Street Court): The Plaza has been a central part of the city for years, and he believes that building the new city hall at the Lakeland Village will be an asset to the city, but he sees advantages of both locations.

Council Member Paiement expressed the City does not appear to need as much space as originally talked about, 2,000 sq. ft. option is the best option for the city. The city needs to get hard numbers for both locations to make an informed decision.

Council Member Loenser agrees that a smaller footprint for the new city hall would be in the best interest of the city.

**Approve Resolution 2016-04 Approving Location for New City Hall to City-Owned property at 1190 St. Croix Trail South
Motion; Council Member Jeri Ryan/Mayor Williams Added an Amendment not to Exceed \$601,703.00/Second; Council Member Evan Loenser**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Council Member Paiement; nay/Mayor Williams; aye/Council Member Glasgow; nay/Council Member Ryan; aye/Council Member Loenser; aye/Passed 3-2

Time Stamp 1:53:26

9. CITY STAFF REPORTS

A. **City Attorney Josh Brekken**

Has been working with staff on general procedural questions.

B. **City Administrator/Clerk Sandie Thone**

No Report.

C. **Public Works Director Matt Kline**

Has been working with City Engineer John Parotti regarding the drainage and reconstruction of Quality Avenue.

D. **City Engineer John Parotti**

Hoping to present Quality Avenue project to council, get direction and provide options regarding public opinion portion.

E. **Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki**

Closed books for 2015 and the city ended up with an additional \$12,495. \$6,000 in property taxes for November and December were also added to the addition. \$12,000 was put into the "City Hall Relocation/Transition Reserve". Will prepare final reports for formal approval and state auditor by March council meeting.

10. CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR REPORTS

Council Member Evan Loenser

No Report.

Council Member Jeri Ryan

No Report.

Council Member Richard Glasgow

Disappointed in council's decision to build new city hall at the water utility building instead of Lakeland Village.

Council Member Joe Paiement

No Report.

Mayor Amy Williams

Met with Metropolitan Council regarding Lakeland's Comprehensive plan; Hamline University students to present in March.

Mayor Williams moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:47 p.m.

11. CLOSED SESSION: City Administrator/Clerk Annual Performance Review

Council discussed City Administrator/Clerk's performance.

Mayor Williams adjourned Closed Session and resumed regular City Council meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Summary of Closed Session: City Attorney Brekken explained consensus was reached during closed session to award Administrator/Clerk Thone with a 9/10 exceptional rating which resulted in 125% of the annual step pay increase.

Motion to Adjourn effective 9:30 p.m.

Motion; Council Member Ryan/Second; Council Member Loenser/Passed 5-0

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk, Halli Sevilla

Amy Williams, Mayor

Sandie Thone, City Administrator/Clerk